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Only a phone call away

The Army opened phone lines on its new Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline, providing wounded and injured Soldiers and their family members another way to resolve medical issues, March 19. The hotline can be reached from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-800-984-8523. The call center is under the command of the U.S. Army's Human Resources Command. of U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

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NOTES *for the* SOLDIER

Soldiers wanted

The Army is looking for 100 seasoned noncommissioned officers to join the ranks of the human intelligence force.

The goal of the HUMINT NCO Special Recruiting Program, which is opened to Soldiers of any military occupational specialty, is to quickly infuse 100 experienced NCOs and adaptive leaders with HUMINT collection and interrogation training into Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom deployed or deploying units.

NCOs accepted into this special program will receive the following training: MOS 97E10 Course, A2X Course, and EAIT or Source Operations Course. All program participants will be trained in Skill Level 10, 20, 30, and 40 HUMINT tasks. Foreign Language Training is NOT Required.

For more information, contact Chief Warrant Officer 5 Eddie Mallard at 703-428-4655.

Why go warrant?

If you are a sergeant or above, with a minimum General Technical score of 110, between the ages of 18 and 46, and have completed the

Primary Leadership Development Course, you may qualify to become a warrant officer.

For non-Army personnel, a joint service agreement allows service members who are selected for this program to be discharged from their component (Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard) and enlist in the Army.

Some advantages are: better pay and retirement, faster promotions, technical training and education, extended career path and performing core duties longer, challenging assignments and being a member of a small elite corps (two percent of the Army).

Spouse Career Expo

A military spouse career expo is scheduled to take place at the Barden Education Center, Fort Belvoir, Va., May 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration is under way. Those interested can visit the USO Web site at: usometrodc.org or email vicki.mullen@belvoir.army.mil for a copy of the registration form. Participants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Same day registrations will be accepted on a space-available basis.



ARMY STRONG.



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FOCUS ON SAFETY

A tool used by Soldiers to assess the risk of driving their privately owned vehicles on trips is now the same tool that Airman, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians use.

Formally adopted across the Department of Defense, the tool known to Soldiers as ASMIS-2 officially becomes TRiPS, or Travel Risk Planning System.

The tool was adopted because of its ability to give users a comprehensive risk assessment based on their travel plans and recommending certain actions to help lower risks.

"ASMIS-2's greatest value has always been the one-on-one interaction and dialogue it promotes between the supervisor and subordinate," said Sgt. Maj. David Griffith, sergeant major, U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center. "The specific questions asked about an upcoming trip allow supervisors and Soldiers to engage and help identify potential faults in driving plans and help provide other alternatives."

The online tool was adopted last year by the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and recently this year by the Air Force. Since its implementation in the Army, more than 1,783,000 assessments have been completed by Soldiers, with six fatalities occurring during an assessed trip. Statistics show that those using the tool

may be less likely to be involved in fatal mishaps. TRiPS is expected to continue with the same results across all service branches.

"Since the release of TRiPS, 29,061 Sailors have registered for accounts and 15,452 risk assessments have been completed," said Capt. Bill Glenn, director of Shore Safety at the Naval Safety Center. "To date, no Navy personnel who have been traveling on a risk assessment have been involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident."

While elements of ASMIS-2 remain the same – such as inputting information like the type of vehicle being driven, age, start and end points, expected sleep before traveling, seat belt use and more – TRiPS

offers more than just a name change. The tool offers additional features specifically for supervisors. One of the new features allows supervisors to view the TRiPS activity of their subordinates two levels down, which offers more opportunity for leadership engagement and awareness.

"TRiPS will continue to provide users with risk awareness features such as the mapping feature," said Griffith. "However, the new features make this positive and proven tool even more valuable in the fight against POV fatalities of not only our Soldiers, but all DOD service members and civilians."

For more information, visit the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center's Web site at: <https://crc.army.mil>.



photo by Staff Sgt. Denoris Mickle

Using TRiPS helps give Soldiers one less thing to worry about.

WOLF TRACKS

by Wayne L. Kinsey
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The revised Army Regulation 530-1, Operations Security, states that family members and family support groups be encouraged to protect critical and sensitive information. But why?

The reason is simple, family members, friends and significant others may inadvertently disclose such information in their day-to-day activities.

The U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command's command center received a report of an OPSEC violation, and upon further investigation, the violation was discovered on two personal webpages on MySpace.com that contained deployment information for a unit at Fort Myer, Va.,

These pages even included names of some of the Soldiers who were deploying. The investigation identified that a fiancé of one Soldier and the girlfriend of another posted the information. There was no malicious intent; the women simply didn't know the potential consequences of posting the information on the Internet.



photo by Sgt. 1st Class Ron Raflik

Family members can put Soldiers at risk if they're not careful.

These ladies may not have thought that posting unit deployment orders and associated names of personnel jeopardizes an Army mission or operation, but each piece of information can be combined with other pieces to aid the adversary in planning to defeat them. Even if the unit deploying had not been identified, the identity of the individuals can be traced back to the unit. Intelligence analysts have been doing this type of analysis for ages.

Anyone in the family, or a close associate, who participates in social networking sites or chat rooms may unknowingly divulge information that may be subject to open source collection. The posting or disclosure of personal information on the Internet, in any form, should also be monitored by each service member. While there are military units that monitor the web sites and blogs of military personnel, there are too many venues available for use by

family members for them to be monitored. Industry has already found that confidential corporate information has been lost due to actions described above. There is no reason to believe that military family members are any different from their civilian counterparts.

The solution is education and interest. Units can present an OPSEC briefing to family members of all unit personnel. Units and or posts and commands can produce an OPSEC pamphlet for the family to take home for reference. Service members must demonstrate their interest by discussing the situation with family members and occasionally visiting blogs, chat rooms, and the like to ensure that critical and/or personal information is not posted where it is susceptible to collection by an adversary.

Direct all questions, issues, and recommended topics to Kinsey at 703-706-1820 or DSN 235-1820.

Highlight History

Operation Desert Capture II

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Fourteen years ago this month, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command units played a significant role in the major exercise, Operation Desert Capture II, at Fort Irwin, Calif.

In the early 1990s, the Army was developing a new intelligence doctrine and fielding new systems for the post-Cold War world. To test and evaluate them, the Army intelligence community conducted ODC II in April 1994. The exercise was conducted in conjunction with the National Training Center rotation of the 3rd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division so that the evaluation would have a realistic scenario to drive the intelligence effort.

Seven different INSCOM organizations provided elements to ODC II. Both the 513th MI Brigade and the 902nd MI Group formed tactically tailored teams to support the 3rd Brigade. The MI Battalion (Low Intensity) deployed Guardrail V aircraft for the exercise. The Foreign Intelligence Activity provided MASINT personnel and training. Meanwhile, the Intelligence and Threat Analysis Center, the Foreign Science and Technology Center, and the 704th MI Brigade provided split-based support for the deployed units. In the end, these INSCOM units, combined with the organic and attached assets of the 24th Infantry Division, represented the largest deployment of Army intelligence personnel and equipment since Operation Desert Storm in 1991, three years earlier.

Over the course of a month, these intelligence assets appraised the Army's ability to provide real-time intelligence from the national and theater levels to the tactical warfighters. The divisional G2's Analysis and Control Element merged tactical reports with all-source intelligence data and provided it to the brigade and battalion S2s. Moreover, the brigade commander was able to pull intelligence on demand from the higher echelons through the Trojan Spirit system, Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar ground stations, and All-Source Analysis System.



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At the corps level, a common picture of the enemy situation was developed using national, Air Force, Navy, and Army intelligence sensors and systems, and then communicated to division and brigade. Consequently, the brigade and battalions received top-down intelligence before, during, and after the training battles.

This exercise successfully validated the emerging MI concepts and doctrine. It showed that intelligence could be synchronized with tactical operations and focused down to the battlefield commander. It further confirmed the concept of split-based operations. The exercise also involved almost every fielded MI system as well as all available prototypes; as a result, MI Soldiers were able to employ these new systems under realistic conditions.

Upon ODC II's completion, Maj. Gen. Paul Menoher, the INSCOM commander, noted that the exercise, "was a huge success, not only in demonstrating the viability of our MI operational concepts and new systems, but also in demonstrating the capabilities of INSCOM to provide full range of intelligence and force protection capabilities through a combination of split-based support and tactical tailored deployment packages."

From Iraq to local neighborhoods

By Spc. Susan Blair

1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment

Since paratroopers of the 73rd Cavalry Regiment's 1st Squadron set foot in Iraq, they've raised and lowered a new flag every hour on the hour. Each flag has then become available for purchase through the unit's Family Readiness Group.

"The flags are flying with pride in many homes," said Christopher S. Italiano from Columbus, Ohio, friend and brother-in-law to Lt. Col. Ross Davidson, commander, 1st Sqdn., 73rd Cav. Regmt. "The 1-73 Cav will forever be honored as symbols of the country's strength and belief in democracy."

Soldiers, family members and friends have purchased the flags as gifts or to show off their patriotism.

Troop A First Sgt. Robert Ochsner bought one for a friend whose son is in special forces, and another for his father, who is in the Patriot Guard - a group of motorcyclists who provides security at fallen Soldiers' memorials - and flies his flag whenever they ride, said Ochsner.

"I was stunned by the total reverence I felt when I received the flag, the certificate and the thank you note," said Jayme Parker, a resident of Cypress, Calif., who is Davidson's cousin. "I cannot describe the feeling I had when I touched the flag. I gave a moment of silence and said a prayer for those who proudly serve, and for those who have given their lives for the freedoms I enjoy."

Danny and Debbie Williams from Augusta, Ga., gave away several of the flags at Christmas and soon received an outpouring of thank you's.

"Just holding this flag and knowing where it has traveled just fills your heart with love for our country and her defenders," said Debbie.

The flags sell for \$25 and come with a certificate of authentication signed by Davidson and Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Krabbe, command sergeant major, 1st Squadron, 73rd Cav. Regt.

For information on purchasing a flag send e-mails to: Taskforcebluefalcon@yahoo.com.



photo by Spc. Susan Blair

After the flag is lowered, it will become available to purchase through the units' Family Readiness Group.



photo by Sgt. Jon Cupp

The \$2K Referral Bonus program has been expanded, meaning Soldiers and civilians alike can benefit.

Referral Bonus extended

The Army has expanded its \$2K Referral Bonus program to include civilian employees, making it possible for them to earn \$2,000 while helping the Army boost enlistments.

Until this month, the recruiting incentive - known as the "\$2K Referral Bonus" program for the regular Army and Army Reserve, and "Every Soldier is a Recruiter" in the National Guard - applied only to Soldiers and Army retirees who referred applicants who enlist, complete basic training and graduate from advanced individual training.

The bonus for referring a prospective applicant who has never served in the armed forces originated in January 2006 with a \$1,000 bonus, which was then doubled in

November 2006.

Under the newly expanded program, a Department of the Army civilian who refers a prospective recruit before the applicant meets with a recruiter is eligible for the award. Restrictions preclude the referral of an immediate family member (including an adopted or step-child).

Additionally, the referral must be made via the following Web sites, respectively, for active-duty Army prospective recruits and Army National Guard prospective recruits: <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or www.1800goguard.com/esar.

Referrals for the regular Army and Army Reserve may also be made by calling U.S. Army Recruiting Command's

toll-free number: (800) 223-3735. Referrals to the National Guard may be made by calling the Guard's toll-free number: (866) 566-2472.

"As the Army Civilian Creed notes, Army civilians are dedicated members of the Army team. They support the mission, and they provide stability and continuity during war and peace," said Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel.

"I know they are directing deserving youth to recruiters now. This will not only encourage them, but also reward them for their service," Rochelle said.

For more information about the referral program, visit <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or call (800) 223-3735.